

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: KEITARO YONEZAWA
 SERIAL NO.: 10/565,503
 FILED: January 23, 2006
 FOR: CLAMPING APPARATUS



CONFIRMATION No. 9795
 GROUP ART UNIT: 3723
 EXAMINER: WATSON, Robert C.
 ATTY. REFERENCE: YONE3019/JJC/PMB

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

| Fee Basis | Number of Claims After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Extra Claims | Small Entity | Full Fee |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Total Claims | 9 | - 20 ¹ | = 0 ³ | × \$ 25 = | × \$ 50 = |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - 3 ² | = 0 ³ | × \$100 = | × \$ 200 = |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | + \$180 = | + \$360 = |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$0.00 |

¹ If less than 20 enter 20.

² If less than 3 enter 3.

³ If less than 0 enter 0.

- ☐ Please charge my **Deposit Account Number 02-0200** in the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are:

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DATE: October 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN J. CASSELL
 Attorney for Applicant
 Registration Number: 46,205



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| Filing Date: | January 23, 2006 | Art Unit: | 3723 |
| First Inventor: | Keitaro Yonezawa | Customer No.: | 23364 |
| Attorney No.: | YONE3019/JJC/PMB | Confirm. No.: | 9795 |
| For: | CLAMPING APPARATUS | | |

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF JULY 31, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2007 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Application No.: 10/565,503
Examiner: WATSON, Robert C.
Art Unit: 3723

AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.